

AMENDMENT TO ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please replace the abstract with the following rewritten paragraph.

--The load handling apparatus comprises at least one first elongate member having means for engaging a load and at least one second elongate member pivotally connected to [[said]] the first-mentioned elongate member. An airbag cooperating with [[said]] the first and second elongate members changes the angular orientation of [[said]] the first and second elongate members relative to each other upon inflation/deflation of the airbag.--